

FACT SHEET

Who Trains Interpreters in Ontario?

There are a wide range of organizations that train interpreters in Ontario. In addition to the information provided here, refer to the list of Interpreter Training Organizations [..\..\interpretation service providers\trainers and schools>Contact Information for Interpreter Trainers in Ontario.pdf](#) as well as the map found at [..\..\interpretation service providers\trainers and schools\map of trainers.htm](#).

Three types of training organizations are described here. These are:

- a) Ontario Language Interpretation Service Agencies
- b) Ontario Colleges
- c) Non-Profit Organizations

Ontario Language Interpreter Services (OLIS) Agencies

The Ontario Language Interpretation Services Agencies help community organizations to develop and deliver spoken language interpreter services in communities across Ontario. Their services are provided to victims of domestic violence who have limited English proficiency. There are currently nine organizations across Ontario funded as OLIS agencies.

In addition to interpretation services, the majority of OLIS agencies also offer Language Interpreter Training. The Language Interpreter Training Program (LITP) curriculum used by OLIS was developed in the mid-nineties by MCI, and consisted of 90 hours of training with a focus on the violence against women setting. As of July 2009, MCI in collaboration with the OLIS agencies revised the LITP curriculum to establish greater consistency. There are five OLIS agencies that provide interpreter training using MCI's LITP curriculum. These are: Across Languages (London), Barbra Schliker Commemorative Clinic (Toronto), Immigrant Women Services Ottawa (Ottawa), Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre (Kitchener), Multilingual Community Interpreter Services (Toronto), and Thunder Bay Multicultural Association (Thunder Bay).

Ontario Colleges

In 2005, MCI funded the expansion of the LITP curriculum to Ontario's publicly-funded community colleges with the aim of professionalizing community interpreting and making the training more widely available across Ontario.

There are currently five colleges and one institute that offer MCI's LITP program. These are: Conestoga College (Kitchener), Mohawk College (Hamilton), Niagara College, Seneca College (Toronto), Sheridan

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Institute (Brampton), and St Clair College (Windsor). This study consulted with the five colleges that deliver the LITP program. Please note that Niagara College's LITP program is offered online only.

Not-for-profit Organizations

In order to address their own language access needs, or to generate revenues, many organizations have developed interpreter training programs.

Please refer to the Directory of Interpreter Trainers in Ontario for more information.

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